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The Honorable Orrin Hatch
104 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Hatch,

On behalf of The Major Chiefs Association, representing the largest local law enforcement agencies in the Nation, I am writing to support S. 2348, the Rapid DNA Act of 2015.

Rapid DNA technologies represent a long overdue evolution for law enforcement, allowing for more efficient processing of reference DNA samples. The Rapid DNA Act of 2015 enables law enforcement to utilize Rapid DNA instrumentation to obtain DNA profiles from arrestees within two hours. The Act follows the United States Supreme Court ruling in *Maryland v. King* in 2013, which stated that the taking of DNA samples from known reference samples of arrestees was reasonable and consistent with the Fourth Amendment. Additionally, this proposed legislation allows the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to issue the standards and procedures necessary for the implementation of Rapid DNA instruments, including changes to allow DNA profiles to be entered and searched in the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS). The reasonable application of Rapid DNA technology for reference samples that this legislation supports is critical for public safety.

Our Nation's police officers thank you for leadership on Rapid DNA testing. Please know that we will stand with you and look forward to working with you to pass this critical legislation.

Sincerely,

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